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Chamber Backs Move from Mainland

Airport Trade School Urged

Transfer of the Federal-Provincial Trades and Technical Institute from Vancouver to Patricia Bay Airport has been advocated by Sidney and North Saanich Chamber of Commerce in a submission to Public Works Minister W. N. Chant.

The chamber suggests that the school, which is now temporarily housed at the Pacific National Exhibition grounds, would find a ready-made home in the provincial government hangar, which has lain empty since the withdrawal of Pacific Western Airlines from the airport.

Ample space is also available for a new building if it is required.

Already in the hangar are fabric, paint, electrical, radio and engine shops, with large amounts of equipment which would complement that possessed by the school. Instruction in all phases of aircraft maintenance and repair could be carried out under one roof.

Servicing of government aircraft could be done, and the chamber feels that the school could provide services to industry in the form of light plane maintenance, sheet metal fabrication and other allied functions.

Swallows Back At Glen Lake

The swallows have come back to Glen Lake just as they do each year.

And for residents in the area the arrival means spring is here, too.

A small flock of swallows were seen by residents in the area yesterday, to mark one of the earliest arrivals on record.

But it's been a long winter compared with last year, even so. In '58 the swallows made it back to the lake on a record-breaking Feb. 28.

Civil Defence

At War Plus Five Plan Will Roll

400 Will Vacate Victoria West

Five hours after a make-believe declaration of war Saturday morning, Operation Friendship—the civil defence evacuation of 400 persons from Victoria West—will start rolling.

Setting the stage for the exercise, the detailed plan for the evacuation will assume that the third World War began at 4.30 a.m. March 14 and general mobilization was ordered.

At 9.30 a.m. "evacuees" will enter the cars and buses which will take them to Sooke, the area chosen as their destination, and at 10.00 a.m. all vehicles will move off.

Civil Defence authorities stressed yesterday that regular speed limits and road regulations must be obeyed during the exercise.

The route to be followed is along Craigflower Road, to the Old Island Highway, through Colwood Corners and along the Sooke Road to Sooke Community Hall, where the 400 evacuees will be received, fed, addressed by civil defence officials, and shown civil defence films.

Traffic control points will be set up at intervals along the route.

Used clothing is being collected at Sooke to be distributed to some of the "refugees." After the exercise it will be donated to charity.

Mayor Percy Scurrah will address the 400 volunteer refugees at the Sooke Community Hall after they have been fed and issued with clothing.

'Well Done,' Cub Chief Told

Compliments on a "job well done" were given last night to Mrs. A. R. Mills, 2760 Sea View (seated), a former Saanich Guide commissioner and Cadboro cubmaster, who ended 30 years in the Scouting last night.

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Saying goodbye are (left) Mrs. J. R. Stone, Mrs. D. W. Byrne, and Mrs. J. D. Woodward, all Cadboro group Cub leaders, at a party attended by 130 in the Scout hall.—(Colonist photo)

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Rank, File Calm

New Bill Furore 'Eyewash'

The rank and file of labor is not the least bit disturbed by proposed new labor legislation in B.C., George Wheaton, provincial vice-president of the Canadian Construction Association, claimed last night.

"Objections by union leaders that the legislation is unconstitutional is so much eyewash," the Victoria builder charged. "I don't think there's all the furore in the ranks these boys claim there is."

"If they want to be honest they can't find anything in this bill to object to," he added. "It's unwarranted furore over a perfectly fair piece of legislation."

'Strait Fever' Hits Rivette

First victim of that Victoria disease, "Strait fever," this year is city printer Douglas Rivette, who has been swimming off the Oak Bay Boathouse daily for some time. He plans another attempt on Juan de Fuca Strait on either April 11 or April 27.

Spring Ready for Shipping

Spring heads east in the form of first tulip shipment from Victoria area this year. Fourteen-year-old Roy Smith, 4417 Tyndall, is surrounded by blooms on the Saanich farm of Geoffrey Vantreight. First shipment of an estimated 10,000,000 daffodils for the Easter trade will also leave soon by air for east.

E. G. "CY" OLDHAM
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'Cy' Oldham Dies Of Heart Attack

E. G. "Cy" Oldham, organizer and former head of the parks and recreation division of B.C. Forest Service, has died of a heart attack in Ottawa. He was 50.

Mr. Oldham resigned as forestry manager of a Mexican pulp and paper company some 18 months ago to return to B.C. after he suffered an earlier heart attack.

He was working out of Vancouver as a consultant in forest engineering at the time of his death.

Mr. Oldham came to B.C. from his native New Brunswick almost 25 years ago. At the University of N.B. he was an outstanding all-round athlete.

He started with the forest service here in 1936 as research assistant. During his forest career he was B.C.'s superintendent of forest development.

After five years of military service, with the artillery and later intelligence, he organized the forest and wildlife service of the Northwest Territories for the federal government.

In 1948, he returned to B.C. to organize the parks and recreation branch. Under his direction the existing provincial parks system was set up.

Surviving are his widow, Dorothy, at home, 1806 St. Denis, West Vancouver; two sons, William K. and Earle; a daughter, Penelope J., all at home; sister, Margaret, and mother, Mrs. Steele, New Brunswick.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday in Woodstock, N.B.

Apple of Their Dad's Eye

Most Boys Spoiled, Need Cub Training

Most boys entering Cubs are either spoiled or self-centred, said a Cadboro Bay High School librarian last night when she wistfully ended a Scouting career that lasted more than 30 years.

"On an average, boys get more attention than girls. I guess they are the apple of their dad's eye. Cubmasters have to help them get over it," said Mrs. A. R. Mills, 2760 Sea View.

She said the training the cubmasters have to give is in "unselfishness."

"If they don't get that training they grow up to be a nuisance to others and themselves," Mrs. Mills said.

Girls are much easier to handle and "seem born able to become part of a group," said the former Saanich Guide commissioner.

Mrs. Mills had gone through every stage of Guides, became interested in Cubs when son Jack, 12, reached the age limit to enter and they found there was no pack.

While Mrs. Mills was a Guide commissioner she started a Cub pack at Saanichton. Five years later the family moved to Cadboro Bay and she became a Cubmaster.

Neither "children or Scouting have changed much" since she first joined the movement, Mrs. Mills said.

She was presented with six Cub spoons at a party in Cadboro Bay Scout hall that was filled with 130 Cubs, Scouts and parents.

Solve a Lot of Troubles

Co-op Housing Answer for City?

Co-operative housing is the answer to many of Greater Victoria's troubles, says carpenter-contractor James T. Lambie, 641 Jones Terrace.

"And labor can lead the way, since management can't or won't," said the man who has been "on both sides of the fence," as boss and worker.

Mr. Lambie said his scheme would utilize the "Low Rent, Limited Dividend" plan of the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

Under this plan an individual, or group of individuals, forms a society or company and puts up 10 per cent of the cost of the housing units, he said. Profits are limited to 5 per cent and the CMHC loan is amortized over 40 years.

"That's how the rents are kept low," said Mr. Lambie. "The profits are kept down.

"A housing project like this in Victoria would benefit the great mass of ordinary people—young and old."

The 45-year-old director of the Senior Citizens' Housing Society says that under co-operative planning—through which the area's 10,000 union members could build up to $10,000,000 in housing a year—there would be five major benefits:

He listed low rents, more jobs, drop in cost of living, sharp boost in business activity and relief for those on fixed incomes.

C. J. Dowling, city manager of Central Mortgage and Housing said last night: "He's got a good idea there.

"It will be a boost to the area and should do the things Mr. Lambie claims it should."

But the corporation manager said he had never heard of the low-rental, limited-dividend plan being operated with so many participants.

"There are successful low-rental developments under our plan in Calgary and Regina," he said. "But they were developed by either one man or just a few individuals forming a company."

Mr. Dowling said he didn't think there was any CMHC regulation forbidding a plan like Mr. Lambie's.

"What are we waiting for?" Mr. Lambie asked. "All this can become reality in just a short while."

He said "labor's got to show the initiative and help themselves. But any other group of citizens could do the same."

With the 10,000 unionists contributing five cents an hour of their wages ($4,000 a day) they would, in a 250-day year, have $1,000,000 to invest in housing.

"Using this sum as an equity," Mr. Lambie said, "it would be possible to build between five and 10 million dollars worth of low-rent housing a year."

Mr. Lambie said it must be remembered that CMHC interest rates are only 4½ per cent as contrasted to 6 and 7 per cent from other sources.

"Over 20 to 30 years," he said, "this means a difference of $2,000 or $3,000 in the cost of the average home."

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JAMES T. LAMBIE

Police Probe Fall From Second Storey

Police are investigating circumstances after finding an injured man who apparently fell from a second-storey window of Selkirk Lodge, 819 Fort Street, last night.

George Brabant, who lives at the address was found lying unconscious on the ground in an alley behind the building at 9.20 last night, later was said to be "conscious" and in "satisfactory" condition at Royal Jubilee Hospital.

Around the Island

Big Concert Today

NANAIMO — Hundreds of Nanaimo music enthusiasts are expected to attend the spring "pops" concert presented by Nanaimo Symphony Orchestra today.

The concert, scheduled to open at Woodlands School auditorium at 3 p.m., features blind Donald MacLaren, CNIB public relations director, as narrator for "Peter and the Wolf."

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DUNCAN—Funeral services will be held Monday from the Hirst Funeral Home for John George Churchill, 76, who died in King's Daughters' Hospital Saturday.

Born at Clinton, Ontario, he came to Duncan 45 years ago. He was well known in this district, where he was in the trucking business.

Survivors include his wife, Louise; one son, Elmer, in Nanaimo; one daughter, Mrs. John Cummings, Vancouver.

Rev. W. F. Burns will officiate, with burial in Mountain View cemetery, Somenos.

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Forest research officers from many parts of the province will gather at the Cowichan Lake forest experiment Station Tuesday for three days of discussion and field demonstration of forestry problems.

On Friday the group will move to Victoria for its final day of meetings.

Chairman of the meeting will be R. H. Spilsbury, forester-in-charge of the forest research division, Victoria. Among those attending will be K. Illingworth, Prince Rupert research officer; M. B. Clark, Kamloops district; Tim Decie, Aleza Lake forest experiment station, Prince George; and Michael Stewart, Nelson research centre.

The agenda calls for discussions on reforestation plans, the problems of cone collecting, procedures for seed-registration and tree farm licence working plans, plus many other matters of importance in the vital work of forest research.

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PORT ALBERNI — Luxury and utility models in shining new cars were displayed by 10 local dealers at the annual Jaycee automobile show here Friday and Saturday nights.

One of the features of the show was a custom built model, property of R. Bowerman, displayed by Alberni Valley Rod and Custom Club. A low, speedy looking vehicle, it was contrasted with the 1911 McLaughlin roadster which had been used as transportation by Port Alberni's first mayor, the late A. E. Waterhouse.

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Funeral services for John Aitken, 85, a resident of B.C. for 72 years and a veteran of the Trail of 98 to the Klondike gold rush, will be held at 1 p.m. Monday in Hirst funeral home, Duncan.

Mr. Aitken, who was born in Lanark, Scotland, ran the Mayne Island post office and a general store there for 50 years. He died Thursday in St. Joseph's Hospital.

He is survived by his three daughters, Mrs. Anne De Rousie of Mayne Island, Mrs. Nellie Georgeson of Colwood and Mrs. Dorothy Olsen of Wattis, Utah, U.S.A.; 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; sisters, Mrs. Marian McInnes of Victoria, Mrs. Jessie McInnes of Terrace, B.C.; and a brother, James Aitken of Maple Bay.

Burial will be in Maple Bay Cemetery.

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ERRINGTON—The first Errington Scout Troop received its charter recently at a ceremony in the Errington War Memorial Hall.

District Scout Commissioner Tom Tryon invested Hugh Hollins as Scoutmaster of the new troop. Also attending the investiture were Rev. W. H. Bulloch, Qualicum Beach Cubmaster, and Ted Butler, assistant Scoutmaster of the 1st Parksville Troop.

Changeover Will Save Minutes On Every Sooke Fire Alarm

Sooke fire fighters will save precious minutes on every fire call after a changeover is made today in Sooke's fire alarm system.

The fire siren will be moved this morning from the old firehall to the new one several hundred feet away. It will be wired to a switch in the telephone office and be set off by the telephone operator whenever a fire is reported.

In the past, the operator would put through fire calls to Ray's Store some 300 feet from the old firehall and Ray Blouin would run over to sound the alarm.

Sooke Fire Chief William Stephenson estimates the new system will save several minutes on each alarm. He asked residents in the area not to be alarmed when the system is tested on Sunday.